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SHUICHIRO SAITO ) : Examiner: Unassigned  
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For: GAS REPLACEMENT METHOD OF ) : May 17, 2006  
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AND DEVICE FOR FUEL CELL )  
SYSTEM :

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed Japanese documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanations of relevance for the non-English documents are provided by their accompanying English-language abstracts and the relevant disclosure in the Background Art section of the specification.

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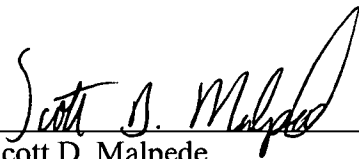
For the Examiner's additional information, attached is a copy of the PCT International Search Report and Written Opinion issued in connection with Applicant's corresponding PCT application.

CONCLUSION

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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